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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the non-final Office Action dated December 27, 2007, (the "Office Action"), and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for an extension of time accompanies this response, which is therefore believed to be timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.